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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed and brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the instant application relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/313,672, filed May 18, 1999, under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c).

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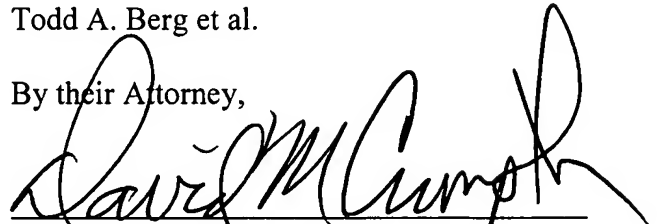
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